(*c*) have any representations from the individuals concerned for staying a little against them been given a hearing and consideration ?

A.—The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesavaiengar).—

	Land Revenue	*Loans*	*Miscellaneous arrears*
(*a*)	15,236	725	1,290
(*b*)	2,172	208	835

(*c*) Yes. In a number of deserving cases.

Land Revenue Collections.

Q.—33. Messrs. B. DEVA GOWDA and SIDDALINGAPPA SETTY (Chikmagalur Taluk); Hanji BASAPPA and T. C. BASAPPA (Tarikere Taluk); C. R. NIRVANAPPA SETTY (Special Interests) and K. MALLE GOWDA (Mudgere Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) what is the percentage of collection of land revenue in every taluk during the past 5 years ;

(*b*) what were the punishments inflicted on the revenue officers during the months of May, June and July 1936 as a result of the orders issued in respect of collection work ;

(*c*) what are the coercive steps taken by the revenue officers as a result of the orders issued ? (Replies to the above questions may be furnished talukwar.)

A.—The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesavaiengar).—

(*a*) *Vide* statement attached. (Appendix.)

(*b*) In a few cases of proved inefficiency and inadequate touring, disciplinary action was taken by way of suspending fixed T.A. and fining the Revenue Inspectors.

(*c*) The usual processes laid down in the Land Revenue Code and the rules thereunder.

Mr. Bagamane DEVA GOWDA.—The percentage of collection in 1935-36 is much higher than that in 1931-32. Does this not go to show that coercive measures have been adopted in collecting revenue during 1935-36 ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No.

Mr. Bagamane DEVA GOWDA.—Then, how was it possible to collect more in 1935-36 when the economic condition had not improved ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Collections have been made according to rules.

Mr. Bagamane DEVA GOWDA.—Is it a fact that fixed T.A. to certain Revenue Inspectors has been withheld owing to poor collection of revenue by them ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Wherever found necessary, it has been done. It is purely an administrative act and the members cannot hold any brief on behalf of the officers.

Mr. Bagamane DEVA GOWDA.—When Government insist on their officers to collect a higher percentage of revenue, would they not in their turn cause hardship to the raiyats by distraining their movables ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The officers have not transgressed the rules.

Mr. Bagamane DEVA GOWDA.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that the revenue officers are impounding in the cattle pound more cattle than they could possibly hold and thus cause great inconvenience to the cattle ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No.

Mr. V. V. IYER.—Are zinc sheets covered on houses treated as movables ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—If they are easily removable, they are movables ; otherwise not.

Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA.—What are the several concessions shown by Government to the raiyats to relieve them from distress ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—It is a big list. I invite the attention of the member to the several orders of Government on the subject and also to the Revenue Administration Report.

Repeal of Press Law.

Q.—34. Messrs. N. M. SIVALINGAPPIAH (Kadur Taluk) and D. V. HALAPPA (Birur Municipality).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how often have representations for repealing the Press Regulation